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Deputy David Cullinane
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To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances which waited longer than standard procedure would dictate outside of a hospital to decant a patient, in the full year of 2022 by month, by hospital and length of wait in tabular form; the number that waited greater than 30 minutes, one hour and two hours or other measurements as appropriate dependent on the manner in which data is collected; if this data is not collected, the reason for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) National Ambulance Service (NAS) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

There is currently no methodology for collecting or reporting on this data as it is a relatively new occurrence. NAS are currently looking into measures for monitoring and reporting on delayed handover of patients presenting at ED.

I hope this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

William Merriman
Director of Operations
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